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THURSDAY & FRIDAY ARE CLEAN-UP DAYS FOR HICKMAN

HICKMAN ON MAP.

Our City Extreme Western Point on Ky. Aerial Route Map.

Activities on the part of airmen at Godman Field, Kentucky's only flying center, in connection with Victory Liberty Loan campaign, have helped to develop a movement to put Kentucky in the lead of other States in establishing aviation on a permanent basis for commercial and mail projects. Plans worked out by Lieut. Col. John N. Reynolds, until recently commanding officer of Godman Field, will be put into effect, it is announced.

After assuming command of Godman Field on March 5, Col. Reynolds was instrumental in initiating two movements which undoubtedly will do much toward promotion of aviation, both commercially and otherwise; namely: an aerial photographic map of a large section of the State, as well as a plan for organizing the entire State in a movement for a system of aerial routes by numbering towns a certain distance apart, along with the preparation of landing fields in every county.

Fulton county is to have two landing points--Hickman and Fulton, the route being direct from Strithon to Mayfield, thence to either of these cities.

With the maps now available, cross-country flying is a more or less, and in most cases more, dangerous undertaking. Ordinarily, clouds are to be found at altitudes lower than the height at which it is considered safe to fly over territories unknown to the aviator. Frequently the pilot is unable to properly maintain a course above the clouds and upon coming down below them he finds that he cannot locate himself on the map. It is then necessary to make a landing to ascertain his position, otherwise he might find himself much further off his course. If the field picked out for a landing does not prove to be a good one, a "crash" is likely to result. If a field cannot be found that looks good, the aviator finds himself forced to land because of shortage of gasoline.

It is therefore obvious that if various towns would provide a marking (numbers coinciding with those on a map being prepared, has been suggested) an aviator would be able to orient himself rapidly and continue on his way toward a known landing field.

It is considered feasible to place a landing field in each county. This can be done with practically no expense. In nearly every community a pasture or meadow sufficiently large for a landing field is easily found. This field should be of firm and level turf, approximately 1,200 feet square (300 feet square might do if nothing better is to be had) and should be free from obstacles such as trees, houses, etc., in or near the field. What little work is to be done, such as clearing brush and small obstacles, will in most cases be volunteered by Boy Scouts' organizations. The marking of a landing field should be a large "T," which should be at least forty feet long by five feet in width.

The designating numbers towns co-operating in this movement are asked to display should be fifty feet high when possible, with no line less than four feet in width, in order that they may readily be seen from high altitudes. These numbers might be made from canvas staked to the ground, laid out in boards painted white, formed of white stones or painted on the roof of a prominent building. If they

WAR CROSS WINNERS OF THE 370TH INFANTRY



Front row, left to right: Capt. G. M. Allen, Lieut. O. A. Browning, Capt. D. J. Warner, Lieut. Roy B. Tisdell, Capt. J. H. Smith; rear row, Capt. J. H. Smith, Lieut. P. Hurd, Lieut. Col. Otis B. Duncan, Maj. J. R. White, Capt. W. B. Crawford, Lieut. W. J. Warfield, Capt. M. Jackson; officers of the Three Hundred and Seventieth Infantry, who have been awarded the Croix de Guerre by the French government for bravery in action. These men are mostly from Illinois.

be placed in the landing field care should be taken that they would not offer an obstruction to a safe landing.

During the present cross-country flights, messages are being dropped to the Mayor of each town selected as the feasible place for a designating point or a landing field, asking these officials to co-operate in this plan to make Kentucky the first State in the Union to institute such a system of "aerial roads."

Wherever landing fields are prepared, or designating numbers displayed, the town will be visited by a photographic plane, photographed and a landing made if possible. These photographs will be sent to Washington, D. C., to become a part of a map showing every landing place in the country. Copies will also be presented to the town's officials for distribution.

With the proper number of landing fields and the proper display of designating points, Kentucky should be more traveled by airplanes, it is declared, than any other State in the nation.

Mrs. T. A. Stark has been quite ill for several days. She suffered an attack of flu during the recent epidemic and complications followed which she has not been able to overcome. Her condition has been serious for the past two weeks.

Mrs. Chas. Travis and children are expected to return home from California about the middle of this month, after spending the winter on the coast.

Mrs. Ellis Dobson left first of the week for Franklin, Tenn., to visit home folks.

MAY JURIES.

Juries Summoned to Serve May Term Fulton Circuit Court

The regular tri-annual term of Fulton Circuit Court will convene in Hickman next Monday morning, with a large criminal docket to be disposed of. Contrary to the general rule, no murder cases for trial at this term. Sheriff Walker and Deputy Thomas have about completed the work of summoning jurors, the panels being composed of the following gentlemen:

Grand Jury:

B. C. Ramage, Jesse McNeil, A. J. Wiley, L. H. Bacon, E. E. Bondurant, F. T. Randle, T. A. Stark, J. W. Ward, Joe Binford, J. O. West, Floyd Bushart, Nim Walker, R. M. Isler, Newt Bondurant, W. N. Bransfield, Charlie Griswold, C. G. McMurry, J. W. Kingston, C. M. Reynolds, H. C. Helm.

Petit Jury:

M. R. Bondurant, Charlie Vance, W. T. Bondurant, George Buck, Ben Hale, L. D. Maddox, Ed. Penner, Will McDade, Isaac Huff, Cris Ledwidge, L. M. Bushart, C. G. Alexander, L. N. Gregory, J. C. Barnett, W. B. Clark, J. E. Terrett, E. P. Vaughn, J. J. Seay, John R. Lunsford, S. H. Linder, Albert Graves, Berry Threlkeld, Jeff Davis, J. S. Creed, Dan Davis, A. A. McIntree, Roy P. Clark, Walter Crostie, H. H. Harding, C. S. Patterson, J. P. Thomas, C. A. Wilson, J. R. Brown, E. Dobson.

The remains of R. B. Wilkerson, who died at Pittsburgh, Pa., were brought back to his old home at Fulton for burial Saturday. He formerly lived in Fulton, having left with his family about twelve years ago. During his citizenship there he was engaged in the mercantile business. At the time of his death he was 70 years old.

Mrs. Pearl Ledford and Miss Camille Barrett went to Nashville Sunday to be the guests of the former's father, Dave Bryant. Miss Barrett remained over to hear Caruso and Gail Cured in their recital there.

A heavy rain fell here Monday night.

DAVIS FOR SENATOR.

Prominent Hickman Atty. Announces Is Well Qualified.

Judge B. T. Davis, our fellow citizen, is a candidate for State Senator subject to the action of the Democratic party at the August primary. Judge Davis is a successful and well known lawyer and is in every way fit for this honorable position. In due time he will meet the citizens and voters of the district to discuss the important measures that may come up for legislation. Assurance is given that Judge Davis will be found on the right side. He has burned the midnight oil and believes in education and good schools and a good road to every school house. He is heartily in accord with the action of the legislature heretofore on the liquor question. He will advocate measures for the better enforcement of all laws.

He is interested in agriculture, being the owner of farm lands and is in favor of a policy that will remove from the laborer and employer any cause for dissatisfaction. Like other citizens he feels the burden of taxation and will seek to remove the defects of the present system. He was active in all matters connected with the war and gave his time without pay to adjusting the war risk insurance allotments and whatever affected the welfare of the soldiers. He advocates the policies and cherishes the ideals of President Wilson and the other great leaders of the party.

In introducing Senator Davis, we say that it is a pleasure to be acquainted with him and that the honor given to him as Senator will be an honor to the district.

HOW TO CLEAN UP.

Get busy. Bat the rat. Use the hoe. Swat the fly. Don't knock. Plant flowers. Make the yard. Kill the germs. Burn the rubbish. Plan for a garden. Clean up everything. Go after the garbage. Paint up, inside and out. Help to make Hickman healthy, wealthy and happy.

SIMPLY PAPER "SHEEPSKINS."

College graduates will receive no sheepskins this year, according to Thomas O'Shaughnessy of Chicago, diploma specialist, who said recently that graduation certificates are being issued on plain paper, camouflaged to resemble parchment. America relied on Europe for its stock of diploma material, he said, and the supply was exhausted long ago. None is being shipped at present.

We understand Fulton county will have a big strawberry crop this year and that home-grown berries will soon be on the market.

The cotton seed mill of the Roberts corporation at Cairo, was destroyed by fire Saturday morning, entailing a loss of around \$300,000. Cause of the fire is unknown.

All kinds of fresh canned goods at Bettsworth's.

CHINKS AND JAPS

Are Expected to Pour Into U. S. at Rate of 2,000,000 Annually.

Immigration of 2,000,000 foreigners, mostly Chinese and Japanese, every year for the next 50 years, was predicted at Washington, Saturday, by Abraham Bowers, immigration secretary of the Y. M. C. A., in the course of an address before the Illinois State Americanization committee.

Mr. Bowers based his prediction on the assumption that the growth of the United States for the next half century will require hordes of common laborers.

"They must come from the Orient," said Mr. Bowers. "The European laborer now in this country is fast graduating into more skilled occupations, and further immigration from that source doubtless will be greatly curtailed owing to the depletion of manpower in Europe by the war."

"Before the war we assimilated about 1,000,000 immigrants a year. They were mostly used in common labor. As our country grows the need for labor increases in ratio. There is only one place for it to come from now--China and Japan. Therefore they are bound to come, and I believe they will intermarry with our people as other immigrants are doing. Japanese and Chinese students now marry our university girls. They will override racial prejudice, literacy tests and every other obstacle."

FLOTILLA COMING.

Submarine, Destroyer, Chasers, Flying Boats Will Visit Hickman.

A real war-river attraction, one of the most interesting that ever came up the Mississippi river, will soon be en route upstream, and will, of course, visit Hickman. A special from Washington first of the week says:

"Arrangements for sending an anti-submarine flotilla consisting of the destroyer Isabel, the submarine K-5, three submarine chasers and two flying boats to the Mississippi river for display at cities and towns along the river and its tributaries are being completed rapidly by the Navy Department. It was announced today that the flotilla would rendezvous at New Orleans and then proceed upstream as far as possible."

"The personnel of the crew will include the U. S. S. recruit band of the New York training ship, a baseball team and motion picture outfits. The ships will carry guns and depth charges and every detail of anti-submarine equipment will be shown."

"Lieut. Commander T. C. Berrien will be in command of the flotilla." Hickman is especially favored in the matter of deep water for displaying and exhibiting the maneuvers of the submarine. Only one other town, we are told by the U. S. River Survey, has as deep water and that is Caruthersville, Mo. Here we have a depth of about 180 feet. The channel is also comparatively narrow at this point which will bring the "show" closer to the audience.

No date has been announced at this time for the flotilla to arrive here.

NOTED MAN COMING

John R. Pepper, Merchant-Banker-Booster, Will be here Sunday.

Hon. John R. Pepper, of Memphis, merchant-banker-orientor-booster, will be the guest of Hickman next Sunday and will deliver an address at the First Methodist church Sunday night in the interest of the Centenary movement, being a member of the Joint Centenary Committee. He is one of the South's leading business men and you should not fail to hear him.

A SPRING SENSATION.

A Kodak loaded up one day And took a shot at me. It didn't frighten me a bit-- 'Twas a snap shot don't you see. --HELM & ELLISON.

FREAK STYLE FOR MEN.

From a fashion journal we clip this item of interest to those of masculine persuasion:

"Freak styles will be all the rage. There will be belts, cuffs, weird designs--Oh, these fall suits are rakish, believe me. Prices? No drop in suits, but also no advance."

Ladies--bless them--fall for all kinds of tomfoolery, fads and fashions, but it remains to be seen whether men will obey the edicts of clothes designers by adopting any "weird designs."

Deck Porter, of Clinton, was here Tuesday. He came via Moscow and tells us that the roads in Moscow are the roughest ever.

Joe Ridley, one of Hickman's soldier boys in France, is expected home about the 15th of this month.

Horace Roper, wife and baby are expected home this week from Los Angeles, Cal.

SNOW FRIDAY.

Slight Snow-fall Here Friday Morning. Unusual Occurrence.

If there was any doubt Friday as to "blackberry winter" being on, all speculation was laid to rest when snowflakes came dancing down in a chilling atmosphere, a half hour or more, and softly settling on the tender vegetation. The snow was accompanied by some sleet and a biting north wind.

Snow at this season in Hickman Kentucky is indeed unusual, rare. A small frost was also in evidence Saturday morning. Fortunately, we are told, little or no damage resulted from the "winter day in April."

CHARGED WITH MURDER.

Dr. B. L. Bradley, practicing physician of Paducah, was arrested on a technical charge of murder, preferred by city and county officials growing out of an alleged illegal operation.

Norman McKinley and his wife, Lillie, proprietors of the Cottage Inn, a rooming house, were also arrested on the same charge. Dr. Bradley was released on execution of \$1,000 bond. The McKinleys are in the county jail, and Eunice Brown, 17, of Paris, Tenn., is under detention at the city hospital.

Sergs. Jim D. Pickett, of Hickman, in company with Gus Meacham, of Fulton, landed at Newport News, Va., Sunday on their return from France and expect to get home right away. Sergt. Pickett is a son of J. D. Pickett, and was attached to Evacuation Hospital No. 2, being a member of the Medical Corps, and a volunteer.

Join the broom and rake brigade in Hickman today and tomorrow. Let's clean up.

THIS BEAUTIFUL HOME FOR SALE.



This is a modern residence; has city water and light, 9 large rooms, well located, six large lots, young orchard, garage, smoke-house, hen-house, cow-barn, good garden, etc. No city taxes to pay. Will sell at a bargain, or exchange for farm property. See Alex or Faris Naifeh.